

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 861

By Overbey

A RESOLUTION designating April 9, 2008, as "TISL Day at the Capitol."

WHEREAS, from time to time, the members of this General Assembly find it imperative to designate certain days in honor of those honorable organizations that have a long history of education centered around the legislative process; and

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Intercollegiate State Legislature (TISL) was founded by college students in 1966 in an effort to give themselves a voice and a role in state government; and

WHEREAS, the 38th General Assembly of TISL convened in these chambers in November of 2007, allowing students from across the State to introduce, debate, and vote on bills on subjects of state issues which concerned them; and

WHEREAS, at various times, nearly every college in Tennessee has belonged to TISL, and this year TISL's leaders are committed to establishing new benchmarks for participation; and

WHEREAS, numerous state officials, including judges, legislators, and members of the Governor's cabinet, previously served as delegates to TISL; and

WHEREAS, the delegates to the 38th General Assembly elected an Executive Council comprised of Governor Kenneth Taylor of The University of Memphis, Lieutenant Governor Micah Roeder of Union University, House Speaker Deedrick Jeffries of Lambuth University, Secretary of State Travis Lockner of East Tennessee State University, Attorney General Thomas Goering of The University of Memphis, State Treasurer Chris Drew of Austin Peay State University, Senate Speaker Pro Tempore Tristan Wilkerson of The University of Memphis, and House Speaker Pro Tempore Shannon Hayes of The University of Memphis; and

WHEREAS, "TISL Day at the Legislature" in 2007 was a huge success with more than one hundred students from twenty-eight colleges participating; and

WHEREAS; this General Assembly benefits from the advice and opinions of Tennessee's college students; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby designate April 9, 2008, as "TISL Day at the Capitol," a day that will convene at 9:00 a.m. in the Old Supreme Court Chamber in the State Capitol.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we affirm our long-standing support of the Tennessee Intercollegiate State Legislature and its mission of giving college students a voice in state government and providing opportunities to learn about the State of Tennessee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we congratulate the Tennessee Intercollegiate State Legislature for the successful completion of its 38th General Assembly and offer our best wishes for its 39th General Assembly, to be held November 13-16, 2008, in these chambers.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we hereby commend the TISL Executive Council for its efforts to raise governmental awareness among college students and its commitment to an energetic and effective year for TISL.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we join TISL in inviting students from every college in Tennessee, regardless of whether they currently belong to TISL, to attend "TISL Day at the Capitol" so they may watch and join the democratic process by which Tennesseans deliberate and govern themselves.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that eight appropriate copies of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.